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The Editors of the MCGILL GAZETTE earnestly appeal to the Students of the UNIVERSITY, irrespective of Faculties, to aid them in the publication of the College paper. Any communications will be received by either or both of the Managing Editors.

It is the intention of the present editors to have Editors from the faculties of Law and Medicine elected by the Students of those faculties who will represent them on the editorial staff. The terms of the paper are such as to put it within the reach of all and we earnestly look for assistance and encouragement.

We also appeal to the Graduates of the University, who, we hope, will aid the enterprise of their younger brethren in "Alma Mater." At as early dates as possible we expect to receive contributions from several "Alumni" who are at present studying abroad.

Information concerning Graduates, or others connected with the University would be thankfully received.

EDITORS MCGILL GAZETTE.

LITERARY.

A FRENCH COLLEGE SONG.

BUVONS, camarades, tenons nos coupes pleines,
Quand nous buvons, nous croyons au bonheur ;
Que la liqueur, en coulant dans nos veines,
Dans un beau rêve endorme noutre cœur.
A nous, à nous, le champagne et l'ivresse,
Folles chansons, fol amour et beauté :
Tout est à nous, nous avons la jeunesse ;
Tout est à nous, nous avons la gaieté.

Pourquoi chercher un problème, mes frères,
En nous servant d'un Y incertain ?
La solution se trouve dans nos verres,
Buvons, camarades, buvons jusqu'à demain.

Chantons, camarades, notre jeune franchise
Aime à chanter les refrains du vieux temps ;
Nous adorons Frétilton en chemise,
Et dans ses bras nous fuyons les tourments.
Chantons, camarades, la chanson nous appelle,
C'est un enfant livré à tous nos sens ;
Mais c'est aussi la grande âme immortelle,
Qui nous rallie à ses mâles accents.

Pourquoi résoudre un problème, mes frères,
En nous servant d'un Y incertain ?
La solution est au fond de nos verres,
Chantons, camarades, chantons jusqu'à demain.

Aimons, camarades, qu'une beauté gaillarde
Nous forme tous à sa douce leçon ;
Aimons sans cesse, et mettons la cocarde
Au fier bonnet d'une Mimi Pinson.
Voici le soir notre belle amoureuse
Qui nous défie à d'illustres combats.
Soutenous-nous dans la lutte joyeuse,
Pas de quartier, soyons vaillants soldats.
Pourquoi résoudre un problème, mes frères,
En nous servant d'un Y incertain ?
La solution se trouve dans nos verres,
Aimons, camarades, aimons, jnsqu'à demain.

(Harvard Adv.)

PEDESTRIANISM IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS.

It is to be regretted that in this country, both in Canada and the States, where so many grand and beautiful spots of both Mountain and valley scenery, are open to the aspiring tourist, that pedestrianism is so little in vogue, and that, instead of following the hardier example of our trans-atlantic cousins in regard to Alpine and other pedestrian clubs, the "Switzerland of America" is visited by the car-rail and steam whistle, or by wagon and stage loads of Saratoga

trunks, accompanied by the fashionable owners thereof.

Inspired by such thoughts, and through love of the beauties of nature, two young men left Portland, for North Conway by rail, for the purpose of walking the White Mountains. Our baggage was in the shape of packs weighing about five pounds apiece, and strapped on our backs. We left North Conway in the morning, under rather unfavorable circumstances, heavy clouds obscuring the mountains, with which the place is surrounded, to within a few hundred feet of their bases, and rendering it impossible to ascend Mount Kearsage, the loftiest of the surrounding mountains, being 3,000 ft. above the level of the surrounding plain, and on whose summit is a U. S. observatory station. Taking an almost Northerly direction, we followed the turnpike road, which leads along the bank of the river Saco, and by one o'clock had left fourteen miles behind us, and had arrived at Upper Bartlett, where we took dinner at the Hotel (?) which is kept here by a gentleman named "George,"—whether that was his Christian or surname we could not ascertain. Here we rested ourselves and calculated very nicely on the number of miles we should make before night, I believe about twenty.

We here fell in with a gentleman who was inclined to be communicative, not to say friendly, who was most polite at table, seemed to have a chronic affection of the left eye, which kept it constantly opening and shutting, could place his feet so marvellously high on the post of the gallery and tip his chair back so very far, that it seemed a miracle that his centre of gravity kept within the line of support and preserved him from falling backwards. Above all, his travels and experience were wide and varied and his fund of anecdote and adventure with Indian, White man, Nigger and "Heathen Chinees," was exceedingly rich and diversified. However, we finally tore ourselves away from this enchanting individual, and started to fulfill our afternoon's tramp. But, alas for the frailty of human affairs! hardly had we gone two miles before the clouds which had been hanging above us all day, began to shed themselves, at first gently, then savagely, upon us. We passed on for half

a mile further, when we came to the shelter of a small house, and were met at the gate by a very large dog with an unpleasantly deep voice; having, however, made our peace with him and his master, we were invited to the kitchen, where we were entertained by the master and mistress of the large dog, who was very wet and persisted in being very friendly, and in our turn amused the children, ever and anon looking out of the window at the pouring rain, which showed no signs of cessation, and which, as it was growing late, we decided to brave, and mournfully turned our faces again towards "George's" hospitable house, getting very wet and ruefully thinking of the twenty miles which we had not walked. We dried ourselves that evening by a roaring wood fire, in an old fashioned fire place, with its andirons and crane, and rose the next morning to find the weather glorious, the clouds dispersing, and every prospect promising a fine day.

Having had our breakfast, we found that a construction train was about to leave for Willey Brook, about ten miles beyond, with a company of workmen to complete some work on the new Portland and Ogdensburg Rail road recently opened through here, and as our landlord spoke a good word for us, the superintending engineer, a gentleman named Barrett, offered us a ride which we accepted, as the track runs about 500 ft. above the Saco river, on the side of magnificent mountains, and commands a better view of the valley, and the entrance to the Crawford notch, than the road does.

Mr. Barrett is a well educated and thorough engineer, who evidently had his men under thorough control, and he and his assistant Mr. Lowle, treated us in the most gentlemanly manner.

Leaving the train about 7 a.m. we resumed our pedestrianism and after walking four miles on the track, almost, as it were on the edge of a precipice, and over some trellis work fifty feet in height, we arrived at the gate of the Notch.

As you ascend the Saco, the valley narrows, the mountains seeming to shut in upon it till, just at its head water, Mounts Willey and Webster, almost close on it.

(To be continued.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the UNIVERSITY GAZETTE.

DEAR SIRS,

Understanding that you are about to re-commence the publication of the Gazette, I take this opportunity of wishing you success, and at the same time of thanking you for thus affording a medium through which we, the undergraduates, may pour our grievances into the ears of the public, as well as into those of the Faculty. The particular grievance which I am at present desirous of bringing to your notice may justly be styled the boarding house nuisance. Already some complaints have been made respecting the absence of residences in connection with the College; but the authorities appear to be labouring under the delusion that the students are satisfied with the present state of affairs, and have made no move in the matter. Possibly they are deterred from taking steps in the matter by the thoughts, that it would be scarcely in place to solicit subscriptions for the erection of residences for the students, as long as those buildings, which were intended by the Founders of the University for the use of the Undergraduates, are occupied by officers of the Corporation; and that the benefactors of the Institution, whilst they would no doubt be willing to subscribe liberally towards any object calculated to promote the comfort of the students, would have a decided objection to furnishing the Professors and other Officers of the Corporation with dwellings, to which use, under the present regime such buildings if erected would certainly be applied. The clauses in the calendar under the head of Licensed Boarding-houses may have the effect of convincing some gentleman, unacquainted with the facts of the case, that here his son, residing in one of these model houses, will be constantly under the eye of the Faculty who will train him in the way he should go; but in one acquainted with boarding houses and their keepers, this attempt of the Faculty to check the student will excite merely ridicule. I am glad, however, that these restrictions have been made, even although they cannot be carried into effect, since they prove that the authorities are convinced, that, boarding in the city free from all restraint is not the thing for young and

impulsive students. When the license system has been demonstrated a farce residences must be built. At the opening lecture the Students were advised, above all things to secure comfortable rooms. With all due deference, I think the learned Professor must at the time have been speaking sarcastically, since comfortable rooms, in my experience at least, are rarely to be found in a boarding house. In a comfortable room the air should be pure and at the same time warm, but in the majority of instances it is destitute of either one or the other of these attributes. To secure warmth, pure air must be sacrificed, and if pure air is desired, one can obtain it only by being content to live and study in a room, the temperature of which approaches zero. Then it is of the greatest advantage to one to be constantly associating with the men of one's own class and with those of the more advanced classes. The benefits derived from such an intercourse are numerous. It engenders a good feeling and a clannish spirit among the students, who thus form a circle of their own and keep aloof from those individuals whose influence tends only towards a neglect of work. Again by constant conversation and discussion in reference to the studies which they prosecute, and by an exchange of opinion the undergraduates derive a great advantage and make much more rapid progress in their work. It is scarcely necessary to say that at present there is no opportunity for cultivating that good feeling and clannish spirit, or for conversation, discussion or an exchange of opinion; that the students are scattered and lose that influence which they would have as a body; and that, instead of associating with those of their class, become the companions of those very individuals to beware of whom they were cautioned in the opening lecture, viz: idle men; men whose influence tends towards anything but the cultivating of a taste for study and good morals. Here Mr. Editors, I cease, lest I weary you with complaints; but let me express the wish that when the Faculty become convinced of the inutility of the regulations concerning boarding houses, buildings will be erected on the College grounds in which the students may reside and pursue their studies apart from the noise, inconvenience and discomfort

of a boarding house, and unexposed to the numerous temptations with which they are surrounded whilst boarding in the city. Again wishing your paper success and prosperity,

I remain yours etc.,

Convictor.

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SALUTATORY.

After a silence of nearly eighteen months, caused by the traditional "circumstances over which we had no control," the *Gazette* again prepares to accost its readers. For the length of time which has intervened between our last issue and our present number, we are well aware that excuses and apologies are in order, and we propose to make them as brief as possible. An unfortunate and unforeseen accident was the final cause of our suspension, a suspension which,

however, was due in a great measure to a lack of that spirit and enterprise among the students which sustained us so well during the first year of our existence. To a revival of that spirit our present appearance is due, and we trust that henceforth the *Gazette* will have in McGill a permanent local habitation as well as a name. We are fortunate in that we owe no apologies to our subscribers, inasmuch as they received the paper regularly until the expiration of their subscriptions. To those exchanges who, in touching confidence, continued to send to us during the time in which we were not, we beg to express our sincere regrets for our involuntary short-comings, to assure them that we will always be mindful of their kindness, and to promise that in the future we will do our best to atone for the faults of the past. To those others who (very properly) have cut us off from their exchange lists, we beg to offer an assurance that we shall not again be found wanting, and to express a hope that they will allow us to renew the very pleasant relations of old times.

The aim of the *Gazette* will be to continue in the way which from the first it marked out for itself, that of an essentially University journal. By that we do not mean, on the one hand, that we intend to become a repository for all the small talk which is exchanged in the halls between lectures, or over the social pipe around the evening fire. Nor do we, on the other hand, consider that we have a providential mission to circulate those "yearnings after the infinite," soul-stirring appeals to man's inner consciousness, and thrilling poetical effusions in which the spirit of rhapsody oversteps the trammelling exigences of rhyme and metre, which occupy so large a space in the columns of some of

our collegiate contemporaries. These, as is most natural, seem to spring from the bosom of the free and sunny West. We trust that the coldness of our climate, and the practical nature of our lives, will preserve us from contributions of this kind. But we propose to contain articles upon University subjects, written by University men, and which will be of interest to students of the University both past and present. We trust that the *Gazette* will not be the echo of one Faculty, but the mouthpiece of all, and not only this, but that it will, as far as possible, serve as a tie by which to bind more closely our graduates to their educational mother. We make this year a slight change in our name and form, but we trust, not in our character.

We do not intend to become the medium of any personal attacks, but we shall not hesitate to discuss, in a gentlemanly and respectful manner, those subjects which require reformation. Mankind is not likely to arrive at perfection, at least until the happy days of the millennium, a period which, by the way, would seem to the average reader, who drinks in his daily supply of clerical, political, and commercial scandal, with his matutinal coffee, to be one of most unpromising slowness. This being the case, there will always be in the University matters requiring reform, and we will endeavour as far as in us lies, to point out the deficiencies and the best methods of remedying them. Besides this, we will of course chronicle every event of importance connected with the University.

So much for the future, now a word or two concerning the past. Eighteen months is but a short time to the general world, but a long one to that little world which lies inside the college gates. Since last the *Gazette* was issued, the old

editorial staff have gone out from among us, and save as rare visitors, the place which has known them shall know them no more. What hosts of old recollections come over us as we write! How sound seemed the logic of one, how keen the sarcasm of another, how mirth-provoking the wit of a third! Perhaps we would not perceive now all the beauties which we admired then, for it is the lot of collegiate journalism, as it is of all journalism, to be ephemeral, and the interest of an article lasts but for the duration of the mood which inspired it. So too our own time will come, and may the editors of the future feel as kindly to their predecessors as we do to ours. Let us thank them heartily for those things in which they succeeded, sympathize with them in those things in which they failed, and regret that stern Time has urged them onwards from the resting-place they shared with us, as he will urge us onward too in our turn. *Que les beaux jours sont courts!*

But our prologue has already occupied too much time. The prompter's hand is upon the bell, and the curtain is drawn up, leaving us again to figure upon the boards of the little stage once so familiar, before an audience whose kind sympathy we ask for and expect as of yore.

BOARDING HOUSES, &c.

With reference to a letter from an afflicted "convictor" in another column, we, on behalf of the under graduates of McGill, grasp the editorial pen and dig up the hatchet against two crying evils, the "boarding house nuisance" and the nurse maids and children who infest the grounds. When will McGill have halls and dormitories in which the bodies, as well as the brains of her students can be taken care of and sheltered? How is

it to be expected that any thing like fellow feeling or a love of "Alma Mater" can exist among men who meet for a few hours a day, hardly make the acquaintance of their own class, and then disperse to the comforts of their boarding houses and the tender companionship of their own thoughts, or, if more socially inclined, to that of any company which can be found and which will insinuate itself most readily on their loneliness.

Thanks to the very low standard of the McGill matriculation, students can enter it at an age when they should not be trusted out of school, and not knowing enough to carry them through the 5th or 6th forms of a good grammar school, and yet by a pleasant fiction are called "men" spoken of as "gentlemen" and made to feel as though they could do a good deal as they like,—and they certainly have ample time for doing it their freshman year, if they possess the most ordinary *quantum* of brains.

Now is a boarding-house—nine out of every ten of which are not fit to be called houses—the proper place to put these boys (we beg their pardon, men)?

They have little or no company of their own age and class, and in such a city as Montreal, are often thrown in with people of a station and occupation entirely different from their own, which certainly is not conducive to study or the love of study—are obliged, (since they have no appeal) to put up with what is given them, and, as the boarding house keeper is responsible to the college authorities only in so far as concerns the retention of his or her license, is outrageously overcharged.

Is it to be wondered at then, that this being the state of the case, more students do not come to McGill? What man with any common sense would trust his

son in the largest city in his country, knowing that there was but little restraint placed upon his actions, that he is only within college walls some three or four hours, at most, daily, with not enough to do to keep him busy, and open—at least liable—to the many temptations which are almost sure to beset him. McGill is at present eminently small and select (especially the former) and will continue to be so until she provides shelter for the bodies as well as knowledge for the brains of her students. Then, perhaps, we may hope to see the matriculation raised above what the average infant mind is able to grasp. Then, to see how comfortably housed and taken care of the "theologs" are, one would imagine that the arts buildings were attached to the theological college, and the art students allowed to attend lectures on sufferance.

To come to the second of our grievances, were the grounds of this university intended for a public park or for the use of the students?

If a student, during his first term in college, undertakes to ramble through grounds that he poetically has imagined belonged to his college, and in the anticipation of whose shade and quiet he may have rejoiced for some time previously, he will probably find himself the observed of all observers and the centre of attraction to various bevvies of nursery maids and irreverent children. He may run his head against a hammock suspended from a tree, or be tripped up by some pet dog of the minute tan terrier species, who will, in all probability, revenge himself by grabbing at his heels, and when at length he reaches the avenue, he will most probably thank heaven for his safe return and vow that the nursemaids will never again have their privacy intruded upon by him.

He may then possibly loiter across to the foot-ball grounds, only to find it occupied by a yelling multitude of small boys. He sighs and wends his way homeward, wondering if James McGill, when he founded a college, did not intend that some portions of his munificent donation should be used by the students.

COLLEGE ITEMS.

All Freshmen are requested to wear the College ribbon and thereby shew their loyalty to their new found Alma Mater.

FOOT-BALL!!! FOOT-BALL!!!!!!

The Freshmen number about fifty.

The Seniors feel themselves overworked. The poor fellows have to attend about half-a-dozen lectures a week.

Prof. Kerr delivered the opening lecture in law in Molson Hall, last Saturday.

The Meds. have begun work, and now "the voice of the songster is heard on the street," about 10 p.m.

We hear that the crews of Harvard and Yale will, hereafter, row eight oars with a cox-swain, like the English University crews,—and that they have withdrawn from the rowing convention of Colleges, and will hereafter row alone, so that nobody but Yale can lick Harvard, and nobody but Harvard can lick Yale. They say they are tired of advertising small Colleges. Quite so! They certainly have advertised them well.

Gymnasium Classes commenced on Monday 4th, with a very large attendance, Mr. Barnjam, is again heartily welcomed and we congratulate him on his choice of an assistant.

We understand that a Glee Club is being organized in our midst by a respected and enterprising gentleman connected with the College, we wish him and it every success, and hope the spirit of song may be infused into our men. It will do them good in every way.

It is truly an inspiring sight to see a Freshman in all his new fledged glory of gown and trencher; dodging around and carefully guarding both, lest some supercilious Soph. may rip up the one and take the tassel off the other.

Annual University Lecture takes place in Molson Hall, on November 11th. We would respectfully suggest to the Faculty that the services of Josh Billings, who lectures in Mechanics Hall, Thursday evening, be retained.

When the Guibord burial takes place we beg of the College Companies not to be too far in advance, as the greater number in that case would probably be killed, and we can't afford to lose too many. We know of one gentleman however, who is thirsting for a fray of some sort and has been so since he came up. Let us hope he will be gratified.

WHERE! OH WHERE! IS THE FOUNDER'S FESTIVAL.

Judging from appearances, or rather sounds the tunes from "La Fille de Madame Angot," seem to be popular. One's ears are saluted with it at every turn, and in every Hall. Even Theologs. are catching it. Oh!

We commence the publication of the "Rugby Union" Foot-ball rules. These rules are those now generally accepted by the leading Foot-ball clubs both of this and the old country, and are those by which the College Club plays. The want of the Rules in a printed form has been long felt as occasionally points of dispute have arisen, which, through the ignorance of the majority, would have to be settled by the "dictum" of one player who might happen to know something of the Rules, and we hope that by our publication of them we will make them familiar to all the Students and to members of F. B., Clubs without the University.

The U. L., Society has re-commenced its debates and meets as usual every Friday evening in the Alexandra Rooms. Let all—particularly Freshmen, who will have their eyes opened and intellects enlarged—attend. Sophomores are not sufficiently impressed.

The University Literary Society's Meeting on Friday evening had a fair attendance as it generally has had this term, but we are sorry to chronicle that Mr. McGoun was the only appointed Debater who "poured out," as the others proved delinquents to the duty of debating, as to whether "Gladstone or Disraeli, was (or is) the greater Statesman."

The debate on Free Trade and Protection, which was somewhat stormy, has been laid on the table till Oct, 22nd.

Owing to delays consequent upon the starting of a paper, our first issue is delayed a fortnight beyond the proper time. But the heaviest part of a load, is the raising it from the ground, and our next will make its appearance on the first of November.

That University Prayer-Meeting on Saturday afternoons has been resumed.

PERSONALS.

'51.—W. H. Hingston, M.D., Mayor of Montreal, was lately married to Miss MacDonald, daughter of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

'64.—We hear that there is some probability of Wilfred Laurier, B.C.L., M.P., being offered a place in the Cabinet.

'52.—The Hon. Alexander Morris, M.A., B.C.L., is Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba.

'73.—R. Prefontaine, B.C.L., has been elected M.P.P., for Chambly County.

'71.—W. S. Walker, B.C.L., '74.—and E. J. Major, B.C.L., were admitted to the Bar of Lower Canada last July.

'74.—J. C. Cameron, M.D., is House Surgeon in the General Hospital, J. D. Cline, M.D., '74. Ass't. Surgeon, and W. H. Burland, M.D., '75. is Apothecary to the same Institution.

'75.—P. J. Goodhue, M.D., is practising his profession with much success in Minnesota.

'74.—J. S. McLennan, B.A., and G. H. Chandler, B.A., '75, have gone to Cambridge, for the further prosecution of their studies. We hope sincerely that the same success may attend them in England as has always done hero.

'75.—Dav. Rodger, B.A.Sc., is on the staff of the Pacific Railway, and when last heard from he was at the Lake of the Woods.

'75.—W. E. Dawson, B.A.Sc., is pursuing a course in the Polytechnic School at Paris, France.

'77.—The great Mr. Graham, who last term graced these Halls is at present teaching school in the Townships.

SPORTING NOTES.

Debarred by our natural position from engaging in Aquatic sports and prevented by the early closing of the Session in the spring from practising Cricket, Lacrosse, or Base-ball, there remains to us only one out-door game which we can with any amount of success play, and that is Foot ball.

To Foot-ball the Students of McGill have always taken kindly and though unsuccessful in the two Inter Collegiate matches with Harvard, have generally acquitted themselves well.

Their failure in these matches may be attributed to utter want of practice.

This Session, however, the practices have been well attended and from a careful observation of the play we can predict with a certain amount of confidence a bright future for McGill in the Foot-ball field.

A challenge is expected from the University of Toronto, for a match in October, and we believe a contest with Queen's College, Kingston, is also on the tapis.

A meeting for the formation of a Foot-ball club was held on Tuesday, 21st ultimo. There was a large attendance and much interest was shown in the proceedings.

As the Medical and Law Students do not assemble till Oct., 2nd the proceedings were all *pro tem*.

The Chairman was instructed to invite the Montreal Foot-ball club to practice on the College grounds, and the invitation has, we learn been accepted.

Much benefit has always accrued to both clubs from this practising together and College men are invariably found on the Montreal team which is the strongest individual team in Canada, and some say in America.

Rugby Union Rules were decided on as the code to be followed.

E. T. Taylor, (Soph.) was elected Captain *pro tem*, and R. Dawson, (Soph.) and R. Robertson, (Junior) appointed Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

As before stated the proceedings were all *pro tem* and are subject to the approval or disapproval of a meeting of all the Faculties to be held Wednesday Oct., 6th.

A match McGill past and present *vs.* all comers, played Sept. 18th, resulted in a draw.

The Annual Matches High School *vs.* Freshman, Arts *vs.* Science, and Arts *vs.* Medicine, will all come off during this month.

The Inter-Provincial Match, Ontario *vs.* Montreal Oct. 9th resulted in a draw.

On dit that the Town *vs.* Gown Match, will be played Oct. 23rd.

LACROSSE.

"Toronto" played "Montreal" Saturday Sept. 25th, and were beaten after a close contest.

The scheme of sending a team of the Montreal Club to England, to introduce the game there has been abandoned for this year.

A Meeting to arrange about the Annual Athletic sports will be held Monday 18th.

At a meeting (postponed from Oct. 6th,) held on Thursday, the 14th inst. the University Foot-Ball Club was organized permanently. The officers elected were :

President.—R. D. Rogers, Sc. '77.

Captain.—E. T. Taylor, '78.

Ass't-Captain.—S. D. Taylor, (Law.) B. A., '74.

Sec'y-Treasurer.—R. Robertson, '77.

Committee.—Dawson, '78, and McGibbon, '77, Arts. MacDonnell, Medicine, McDougall, Law, and Scriver, Science.

R. B. McGibbon, was elected delegate to the Toronto Foot-Ball Convention.

The Harvard team, we hear is coming on in the course of a fortnight, to play the Montreal Club. We hope to see some of our old friends of last year among them.

EXCHANGES.

The information furnished by the Racine "Mercury" is of too local a character to attract the notice of outside barbarians.

Such a selfish tendency betrays either a consciousness of being "uncared for and unknown" beyond its small circle of admirers, or a wholesome fear of giving a handle to its confederates, by treating of subjects which might invite perusal and evoke criticism.

The Cornell "Era" shows no signs of decay under the new editorial staff. The salutatory

contains some excellent remarks, and the account of the Saratoga Regatta is well written and interesting.

The remarks from the Editorial chair of the Vassar Miscellany are remarkably good and we heartily endorse her views on critics and criticism, but does she not wax a little too eloquent and warm in praise of her country? Let us quote for the benefit of our benighted countrymen "How much we owe to those simple, earnest men, * * * we can only estimate by comparing our country as it is to-day, with Canada or any other British province on this continent. What they are, we might have been, had our fathers been less determined, less brave, we had almost said, less inspired." We forbear comment, but would respectfully invite the editors of the "Miscellany" to "come East." We are sorry the *Alumnæ* department is going to drop, and hope all the light reading will not at the same time forsake the Miscellany.

We welcome the new series of the "Dartmouth" and congratulate it on its improvement in style and issue. The editorials are decidedly good, and in most of its articles, it seems to have followed that excellent piece of slang advice which the majority of college papers so sadly need viz. to "boil it down."

We have received the "University Monthly" and the "Beloit."

CLIPPINGS.

Vassar College has at present 440 students.

Brown University has seventy freshman this term.

A Senior scientific asked the other day if a certain animal were herbivorous or *carboniferous!* —*Era.*

The Rev. Dr. Jacques, late Professor of Greek in Wesleyan University, Ill., has accepted the office of President of Albert University, Belleville; Canada.

The number of persons in this year's freshman class at Union College will probably equal the whole number in college four years ago. Many are from the Southern States, and, without exception, rank high for character and scholarship. The various courses of study have been revised.

and largely expanded, while the general standard of study has been greatly raised.—*Ex.*

—SCENE.—A dwelling house on Mill street where several students room. 1st Soph. (who goes to call on 2nd Soph. and his Freshman chum, finds them both out, and for the want of a better card fills, as he supposes, "chum's" boots with water. Calls to the next door and finds No. 2.) "Hey, Cully, I have got a bully joke on your Freshman." 2nd Soph.—"Good, what is it?" 1st Soph.—"I was just in his room and filled his boots full of water." 2nd Soph.—"Why you darned fool those were my boots, git out o' here." Curtain falls, and No. 1 borrows some arnica of his landlady when he gets home.—*Era.*

—History Class. Student—Professor, are kings and queens always the highest? Professor—Certainly, why do you ask such a nonsensical question? Student—Because I noticed that in a game of railroad euchre, the joker—, Professor—Leave the room, sir!—*Niagara Index.*
—*Dartmouth.*

Yale College opened Sept. 16. There have been in all 226 applications for admission, and 109 students were admitted without conditions. There are no changes of importance to record at the beginning of the year. Neither the Chapel nor the Peabody Museum is yet completed. Rochester University opens with a Freshman class of 45, and further additions are expected. Syracuse University was reopened on Wednesday, Sept. 15. There were present 115 students at the first chapel service. Chancellor Haven announced that attendance upon chapel service would be required hereafter of all the students. The Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst was reopened with a new class of 13 members. Among them is one young lady, a graduate of the State Normal School at Salem. Oberlin College was opened with about the usual number of students. There have been a few changes in the faculty. Ashbury University (Ind.) began its Fall session on the 15th inst. The members of the old faculty have been reinstated. Dr. Martin, ex-President of Virginia University, has been elected President.—*Ex.*

—Not far from Heustis street is a pear orchard which enjoys a high reputation among the students of that vicinity. Last Tuesday evening a "man" of the Junior class with his Freshman chum, decided to pay it a visit, and after rigging themselves out with the articles necessary for such an expedition including a "dark lantern," they started. On the way they called on some neighboring students and tried to induce them to go. But on the plea of "too much work on hand," they declined, and the former pair went for pears. Soon after their departure one of the "working" students produced a pistol and with his chum also proceeded to the "pear" rendezvous. They met the first named pair at the orchard fence, returning with "dead loads of fruit." "Jack, let the dogs loose," and the firing of the pistol were followed by a fall of the dark lantern, two pillow cases full of pears, and the Junior and Freshman all in an instant. But the latter soon recovered from the first shock-picked up their traps and started for home on a run. About half way up the steps the pistol was again heard; this was more than they could stand and down went the pears, but the owners did not stop until they had locked the door of their room behind them. Here the curtain falls until half an hour after, when a student called and invited them to his room, where he said he had some fine pears and wanted his friends to try them.—*Cornell Era.*

FOOT-BALL.

In accordance with the requests of a circular sent by Mr. R. M. Esdaile of the Montreal F, B. C. delegates from the various clubs in Canada met Saturday Oct. 16th in Toronto to form an Association under the above title.

The following gentlemen were present, Messrs. Gough, Esdaile, Boodle & Creighton of the Montreal clubs, Griffiths & Stewart of the Quebec club, Bull & Aylsworth of Toronto University, Glazebrooke & Lamb of Argonaut club, & McGibbon of the McGill University club.

The Hamilton, Port Hope, Britannia and Kingston clubs were represented by proxies.

On motion Mr. Lamb took the chair and Mr. Esdaile acted as Secretary.

A constitution was then drafted and the meeting proceeded with the election of officers. The result was as follows.

President.—R. St. B. Young, Quebec, Q. C.

Vice-President.—Mr. Gosling, Argonaut C.

2nd Vice-Pres.—E. A. Whitehead, M. C.

Secy.-Treasurer.—R. M. Esdaile, M. C.

Council:—Messrs. Hope (Hamilton) Glazebrooke (Argonauts) Perram (Trinity College) McGibbon (McGill University) Bull (Toronto University).

The meeting then proceeded to decide upon a code of rules to be played by the Association.

Mr. Creighton moved, seconded by Mr. Griffiths "That we adopt Rugby Union Rules subject to such modifications as the gen. com. may see fit.

Mr. Glazebrooke moved seconded by Mr. Gough, "That we accept Rugby Union Rules in full and also that this association join the Rugby Foot-ball Union."

Mr. McGibbon stated that he thought it was not competent for the Association to join the Union and spoke in favour of adopting the general principles of the Rugby Union game with such particular modifications and alterations as might be deemed proper. He strongly advocated our having a National Association.

Mr. Aylsworth of Toronto University followed in the same strain and Mr. Glazebrooke withdrew the latter clause of his motion. On a vote being taken Mr. Glazebrooke's amendment was carried by a vote of 8 to 3.

The delegates of the Toronto Union then withdrew from the meeting as they were authorized by their club to refuse to join if any rules which contained the provisions as to "off side" were played.

The annual subscription was fixed at \$5.00 for senior and \$2.50 for junior clubs and schools. After further business the meeting adjourned.

We understand the Association intends to issue a football annual after the model of Lillywhite's guide which shall contain reports of all matches played by clubs in the Association.

THE INTERPROVINCIAL FOOT-BALL MATCH.

This annual match was played on Saturday Oct. 16th on the cricket ground in Toronto.

The afternoon was extremely chilly and the field when the players made their appearance presented a bleak and not particularly inviting aspect which was relieved somewhat by the presence of a large number of spectators many of whom had come by special train from Hamilton.

We shall not enter into any long description of the match suffice it to say that after an hour and a half's hard play Ontario won, a goal having been dropped by Mr. Ker of Brantford. Throughout the whole match it was evident that Ontario was much the strongest team (physically) and though Quebec played well together still no decided advantage was gained by them. We were utterly unable to select any one player as better than any other on the Quebec side and on the Ontario we would mention Messrs. Kerr, Hope, Perram, Greenfield and Stewart. There were not more than 5 runs during the match and the (to us) unnecessarily provoked "scrummages" which render the game monotonous seemed to be one of the strongest arguments in favour of the idea of modifying the Rugby Union rules in this respect. To this subject we shall again allude.

The members of the Quebec team were kindly treated by the Ontario men, and the teams dined together on Saturday night.

Harvard University play a team from the Dominion next Saturday on the Cricket grounds.

The Freshman and Proprietary School played a match on Oct. 11th, the former winning by one goal to their opponents nothing.

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